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Dear Mr. Horton,

This letter is in reference to the Friends For Jim McDermott organization #CC00223073.

In your letter dated June 26, 2000 you informed the Friends For Jim McDermott committee that "Schedule A of your report discloses a contribution which appears to exceed the Jimits set forth in the Act."

Enclosed is a copy of the letter from Mr. Gates for redesignation of the excessive portion in the amount of \$750.00 dated 4-25-00. The original contribution was made on March 22,2000.

Thank you for your time in reviewing our filing. Please do not hesitate to call me anytime at 206 691-9759 (H) or 206-281-7788 (W) If there is anything that I can do to facilitate correct reporting.

Respectfully,

Michael Steele

Friends For Jim McDermou

Campaign Treasurer